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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of:)
: DELPHINE ANH DAO LE, et al.) Group Art Unit: 2721
: Application No.: 09/410,737)
: Filed: October 1, 1999)
: For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

"Digital Image Processing", by Rafael C. Gonzalez, et al., Wesley Pub. Co. 1993, pgs. 461-465.

"Seeded Region Growing", IEEE Trans. Pattern Anal. Machine Intell. Vol. 16, 1994, pgs. 641-647.

The foregoing documents were discussed in the specification at page 1 and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there.

Applicants also direct the Examiner's attention to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/410,735, filed October 1, 1999 (Group Art Unit 2721) which has been commonly assigned with this application

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Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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